

What's What in Sports All the Time

GREAT LITTLE WRESTLERS READY TO BATTLE AT THEATRE TONIGHT

Eddie O'Connell, wrestling instructor of the Multnomah Athletic club of Portland and welterweight champion of the Pacific coast, and Mike Yokel, instructor of the Salt Lake Y. M. C. A., meet tonight at the Salt Lake theatre in a finish bout. Each is admitted to be one of the best welterweights on the mat today, and the struggle between them will be worth seeing. Neither has met defeat at his own weight, and both are confident of winning tonight. It should be a great match.

For the first time in months Salt Lake wrestling fans are offered a championship bout between two great little men. The match is even in weight and in the experience of the men and there is added keen rivalry between the contestants and the clubs and districts they represent. Neither has ever lost to a man of his weight. It will be a great battle.

O'Connell has between three and four inches the better of Yokel in height, but on the other hand Yokel is more compact in build. O'Connell will rely upon the famous toe hold and leg scissors, while Yokel, which holds he is a past-master. He has thrown many a good man and says he can throw Yokel.

Yokel, a great defensive wrestler, cool and possessing great nerve and staying power, is always there at the right moment to take advantage of an opening. His past style shows a willingness to wait until the right moment comes and then like a flash he is on the offensive with a hold that counts.

Both men will go on the mat in the pink of condition. Each has at stake a reputation upon which he depends for his success as a wrestling instructor. For years they have been rivals, as far back as 1895 Yokel trying to arrange a bout with O'Connell at New Haven. Tonight, however, will be their first meeting on the mat and each will try to make it interesting for the other. Incidentally, there will be fun for the fans.

WAGNER AND PIRATES LEAD IN BATTING TABLE

New York, Dec. 19.—Hans Wagner, shortstop of the Pittsburgh baseball club, again leads batters of the national league with a percentage of .339 in the official batting averages made public by President John Heydler today. Wagner made 163 hits for a total of 242 bases. Outfielder Mitchell of Cincinnati batted .310. Residual of Cincinnati led the base stealers, with fifty-four.

Pittsburgh led in team batting with an average of .274. The world's champions also led in run getting, combining the circuit 761 times.

Following are the ten leading batters:

Name	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	IR.	2B.	3B.	H.R.	S.H.	S.B.	P.C.
Wagner, Pittsburgh	127	455	52	158	22	30	4	27	3	329	.339
Mitchell, Cincinnati	145	523	83	162	225	37	17	4	5	37	.310
Carpenter, New York	123	390	37	112	12	5	1	9	14	319	.297
Hobitzel, Cincinnati	147	529	32	159	23	32	19	17	17	308	.296
Wheat, Brooklyn	106	362	31	102	15	31	44	7	3	0	.294
Doyle, New York	144	510	86	173	239	27	11	6	12	31	.300
Snodgrass, N. York	122	378	30	112	18	3	0	1	2	1	.290
Hyatt, Pittsburgh	49	67	29	31	21	3	4	9	3	1	.286
Bridwell, New York	145	476	49	149	14	11	7	0	19	32	.284
Landefeld, Phila.	118	327	47	124	16	17	6	1	22	17	.292

Note—Was substitute batsman in forty games.

Club	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	IR.	2B.	3B.	H.R.	S.H.	S.B.	P.C.
Pittsburgh	154	5129	701	1532	1869	218	82	25	211	185	.259
New York	127	3218	622	1267	174	173	85	26	151	127	.259
Cincinnati	137	5088	606	1272	1642	159	72	22	212	280	.255
Chicago	135	4999	622	1267	1610	207	69	20	248	187	.250
Philadelphia	134	5204	515	1228	1765	183	73	29	198	184	.244
St. Louis	154	5108	583	1242	1547	148	56	15	119	121	.243
Brooklyn	155	5065	442	1197	1409	176	59	16	173	141	.228
Boston	135	5017	428	1121	1376	124	43	15	189	190	.233

Highlanders said to have a world-beater

New York, Dec. 19.—Fred Crolius, a Dartmouth college graduate, who is proficient at baseball and football, says that the Highlanders have secured a star player in Joseph Walsh, who attracted attention in the south last summer. Walsh played football on the Villanova eleven, which was a sensational end rush.

"Walsh will be one of the great catchers in the American league next season," said Crolius the other day. "He is a six-footer, weighs 150 pounds and is a natural ball player. He is not only a fine backstop and thrower, but is also a corks good hitter, and as soon as he joins the Highlanders he will work into a regular berth. It will be impossible to keep him down. I have seen many clever young ball players, but Walsh, in my opinion, is the best."

Butte and Helena want Northwestern

Butte baseball fans are now bestirring themselves to land a berth for Butte in the Northwestern league next season. They have been set going in the matter since the time that Helena is after the same thing.

That Butte wants no more of John S. Barnes, one of the ill-fated intermountain league magnates, is seen by the following from a Butte paper: "Butte should have a franchise in the Northwestern league. Helena is showing signs of life and it would go well into the league to beat us to a place in the league."

"The thing to do now is to get a franchise. It makes no difference who gets it. Save maybe another John Barnes, but once we get the franchise we have had our lesson and the team will be forthcoming."

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WILL BE TOO STRONG FOR JEFF, SAYS JACK

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Jack Johnson, the champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, does not look upon a defeat at the hands of Jim Jeffries as possible when they meet in their forty-five-round bout on July 4, next. The colored champion had this to say when he expects to whip the big blemish-maker:

"In the first place I have a good pair of hands. I will hit him harder than he has ever been struck before. It makes no difference whether the fight is at long or short range, for I can outbox him, and in a mix-up at close quarters I dare him to swap punches with me. To my mind, there is no doubt as to the result. I am big and healthy, never was sick in my life, and am the strongest man Jeffries ever met in the ring."

ONLY ONE MADE GOOD

Cincinnati Reds Try College Pitchers, but the Experience Proved Costly.

Cincinnati, Dec. 19.—There was a time when the owners of the Cincinnati club looked upon young college players as valuable pieces of baseball property, and many a young man was rudely dragged from his dear old college with the aid of a promise of more or less money and asked to help the Reds win a few extra games.

The experience proved costly, for only one of the young phenoms succeeded in making good to such an extent that it was decided to keep him. Tom Cantwell, the former Georgetown University pitcher, may be given another chance next spring. He looks pretty good to Griffith, and the large sums of money expended for the purpose to give him a trial have not been wasted after all.

Johnny Dubue was one of the first college players of the club and he did not do well enough during the latter part of the season of 1908 to earn a thorough tryout, but fell down completely last season. He has been sold to the Buffalo club.

Herbert Sylvester Sincow, a pitcher who led the University of Michigan team to many a victory in 1908, made his debut in red on the same day that Dubue made his bow. He relieved Johnny after the latter had injured one of his legs trying to field a ball. Sincow was not tried again after that day and after being shifted around quite a bit was lost in the shuffle.

While Sincow and Dubue were graduates of the college and were not paid, usually getting accustomed to going on a trade without wearing the loudest socks and smallest caps procurable, a pitcher by the name of Rice came on from Hartford. He had been a member of the Purdue university nine and had made money out of the college batsmen who had posed him. After a short wait he was sent to Dayton, where he pitched a few games.

Last season the Cincinnati club was put to the fact that a chap named Egan, who pitched for Fordham college, was the real thing. He was signed and reported to Manager Griffith in New York. Griffith took one good look at him and then closed his eyes and said: "He is a good deal of a deal of some kind was made whereby he was to report to Wilkesbarre. He refused to do so and an arrangement was made with another club."

SETTLE LEAGUE TROUBLE

No More Deadlocks Over Elections Is the Word From New York.

Cincinnati, Dec. 19.—That difficulties encountered in the election of a president of the National league clubs in New York last week eventually will prove a boon to the league was the declaration of August Herrmann, president of the National Baseball commission, tonight.

The statement of Mr. Herrmann to that effect was made by John T. Brush, secretary of the National commission, and Julius Fleischmann, one of the largest stockholders in the Cincinnati club.

They united in saying that Mr. Lynch, who was elected president of the league, will fill the National league with a new class of umpires, and that there will be few complaints and protested games under his administration.

"In the future," said Herrmann, "we will not have any deadlocks over the election of presidents of the league, for we are going to amend the constitution so as to make such a thing impossible."

OCCIDENTALS WIN

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—The Occidental baseball team defeated the Japanese team of this city today by the score of 3 to 2. The Japanese put up a good game, but the negroes showed superior team work and hit harder and cleaner.

BAKER AND LEWIS AT TERMS FOR DENVER GO

Denver, Dec. 19.—An agreement was reached Saturday for the main body of the Cattlemen's smoker to be given January 11 by the Denver Athletic club. Harry Lewis and Howard Baker are to meet at 148 pounds with a 6 o'clock weighing in.

P. R. Gallagher was agreed upon as referee. The welterweights are to fight ten rounds under straight Marquis of Queensbury rules. Soft bandages will be allowed the contestants, and the usual contest gloves of five ounces are stipulated in the articles. It was agreed that the weighing in shall take place in the ring where the contest is to take place.

BASKETBALL SHOWS INCREASE OF INTEREST

Game Popular Throughout the State, With Championship Races Promising Sport.

With the holiday vacation coming this week in the schools of the state practicing of the basketball teams, with the exception of the Y. M. C. A., Port Douglas and National Guard teams, will take a rest until school opens in January. At that time both the Intercollegiate and Scholastic league seasons will start, and the race for championship honors promises to be an interesting one.

Not only in the schools has basketball taken hold with the same interest shown in former years, but in other organizations has the game taken hold and basketball now finds more players and fans in the state than ever before.

Utah has long been known as a basketball state and made all visiting teams admit that they played the game here. This year one and perhaps two Utah teams will enter the national basketball championships to be held in March at Chicago. The Y. M. C. A. is sure to go, and the shooting made by the University team has already started a call for sending the Crimson five to the college championships at once.

As yet, however, the season is young and until the Utah fives show their ability against some of the outside teams nothing definite will be done.

While the Y. M. C. A. is to lose the services of Coach Brown, Mr. Brown has made all arrangements for the Y. M. C. A. trip to the national championships and the only thing needed is a credible showing of the five. From the two games played thus far the Y. M. C. A. appears to have one of the strongest teams in its history. It certainly has the material it ever had from which to build a team.

While the B. Y. U. at Provo comes reports of another good five, with the college honors again expected. It now looks as if the B. Y. U. will be the only team to give the University a run for the pennant.

CORNELL MEN AWARDED LETTER BY COUNCIL

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The Cornell Athletic council has made the following athletic awards:

The football "C": A. F. Tydemann, '10; S. S. Cronin, '10; G. Hoffman, '10; C. Owen, '10; H. K. Seelye, '10; S. E. Farrington, '10; R. R. Hurlbut, '10; S. E. DeWitt, '10; W. E. Wood, '10; J. J. O'Connor, '12; C. P. Weekes, Jr., '12.

The following were awarded the "C" for cross-country: H. C. Young, '10; R. Leming, '10; L. R. Brown, '11; A. S. Berns, '12.

The awarding of numerals to the following members of the 1912 freshman crew was made by the crew committee: E. Bowen, C. B. Ferguson, Walter Johnson, G. B. Wakely, W. O. Kruse, J. M. McDonald, D. R. Roney, C. P. Merz, J. A. Bonner and S. N. Stimson.

AMATEUR BOXING GOES ON BOARDS TONIGHT

Tonight amateur boxing fans will be given another of the lively Manhattan club cards which have drawn big crowds to the club arranged by Manager Downing. Looks as good as former ones for practically all of the boys having made good before.

After the card tonight the club will move to larger quarters, although the management has not found the right place as yet.

The full card tonight will be: Bantamweights, Young Forbes against Frankie Ernie; featherweights, Johnny Gilbert and Young Ernie; lightweights, Chico Coleman and Pie Davis; middleweights, Jack Downey and Red Griffo; light heavyweights, Kid Frazzels and Kid Harris.

Coleman claims the amateur lightweight championship of the city and will be given plenty of opportunity to defend his claim. Pie Davis is a fast colored boy who is said to be a comer. The card starts at 8:30 p. m.

NUMBER OF CANDIDATES GIVES CONVILL BIG JOB

With sixteen candidates fighting hard for a place on the High school board to play the Apollo five Wednesday evening, the practice Monday and Tuesday at the school gymnasium promises to be fast. As only seven men will make the trip, Coach Conwill has a job on his hands to pick his team. This is especially hard this year, as the new men are showing up strong and the selection is made none is sure of a place.

The boys who are fighting for places on the team are: Frank Hurlbut (captain), Robert "Pete" Roney (manager), Roy McIntyre, Thomas Fitzpatrick, LeRoy Warthman, Rydalah, Curtis Hawley, Lawrence Godbe, Robert Wilson, Arthur Doran, Francis Wetzel, Wallace, Kimball, Wilkenson, George Atkins and Eric.

BASKETBALL PLAYERS ARE FORBIDDEN TO HUG

Less Roughness and More General Following of Ball Is Now the Point Raised.

Of the recent conference on basketball rules held in New York the following report was made:

An effort has been made to reduce and eliminate the roughness which has crept into the game, and special legislation has been directed this year against personal contact in the game. Hereafter men will be supposed to follow the ball more closely and give up the close hugging system of guarding that has brought the game into disrepute. In trying to get after the ball the players must now strike at the ball if they want to get it away from the opposing player, and not at the man, as many players have done in the past.

Keltnath, who is coaching the Pennsylvania fives this season, announced as his opinion that the changes in the rules would result in a reduction in the scoring and that the game would correspondingly lose in interest from the spectator's point of view. He said that the graduates preferred plenty of shooting, and with the guards having rule advantage over the forwards, as will be the case under the changed rules, scoring will be small.

Special attention is to be given this year to the referees. Hyatt, chairman of the rules committee, cautioned the officials present against allowing holding, and warned them to enforce the rules strictly. A method of checking the work of officials has been devised by the committee. After each game the captains of the two teams are required to send in a criticism of the work of the officials, stating briefly his qualifications for the work.

In order to prevent unnecessary delay teams may ask for time out only three times in each half, and no further time will be allowed, even when a man is injured or forced to leave the game for some other reason. Another change is that when a player touches the boundary line he will be called out of bounds, instead of when he puts one foot out of the court, as the old rule stated. When the ball is returned from out of bounds without being touched by a player, it is considered dead.

A lot of time was taken up in discussing a proposed rule forbidding a player to make a jump or take a long step before dribbling, passing or throwing for the basket, and the rule was modified so that the ball has to leave the player's hand before the foot brought up from behind touches the floor.

DENVER THINKS SALT LAKE HAS LITTLE SHOW

Denver, Colo., Dec. 19.—The sentiment in Denver seems to be almost unanimous that the Jeffries-Johnson fight will take place in California, and that there is not one chance in a thousand of it taking place at Salt Lake City. Dolph Deane, the well-known local sportsman, whose attention has been attracted to an offer of \$25,000 to stage the fight, says that the contest will take place at Salt Lake City, offers to take the bet and go to the contest, offering by wagering \$25,000 that the contest does not take place in Utah at all. He figures that California is the only place where the promoters can conduct the mill and break even on the purse.

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